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NEW PLANNING DIRECTOR IS NAMED

Montgomery County, Virginia • County Administrator Craig Meadows has named Emily J. Gibson, the county's new Planning Director effective in mid-January.

"I am very excited to have Emily join the County's leadership team. Her experience with current planning practices is outstanding, and her leadership role with other planning professionals across Virginia will provide our planning department with a depth of expertise," Meadows said. "Emily's focus is on exemplary citizen service, and I am confident she will work with our staff, our elected officials, and our citizens to help us chart a progressive and positive course for the County's future."

Gibson has served as the Planner for Gloucester County since 2006. In her current capacity as Senior Comprehensive Planner, she supervises the Planning Division of the Planning & Zoning Department. During her tenure in Gloucester, she has served as a Planner I, Planner II and Planner III, and has been in her current position since 2013.



Gibson lives in Mathews County, and was appointed by its Board of Supervisors to serve on the county's Planning Commission, a position she has held since 2008. She is a Certified Planning Commissioner, and is very active with the American Planning Association, where she serves as the Vice President of Legislative and Policy Affairs for the Virginia Chapter of APA. She has made presentations to a number of Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) committees, and has been a presenter at VACo's annual New County Supervisors' training. She has also appeared before General Assembly committees to discuss planning issues and regulations, and has served as Region 9 Director for PlanVirginia since 2011.

Gibson has Bachelor of Science in Environmental Policy and Planning, with a minor in Environmental and Natural Resource Economics from Virginia Tech. Her husband's family is from the New River Valley and they look forward to the move here with their son. Gibson's first day in her new position is Jan. 20.